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LETTER DATED 16 OCTOBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Acting on instructions from my Government, I have the pleasure to enclose herewith a letter dated 16 October 1991 from Mr. Ahmad Hussein, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, concerning violations by Turkish military aircraft of Iraqi airspace.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 16 October 1991 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you about further violations committed by Turkish aircraft against the territorial integrity and the national sovereignty and security of the Republic of Iraq, in which they targeted residential areas of the northern region of Iraq. The details are as follows:

1. At 0800 hours on 12 October 1991, six Turkish planes raided the Di Kufa housing complex in Zakho district, with the result that a number of civilians were killed or wounded.

2. At 0840 hours on the same day, a formation of Turkish war-planes raided the Miradzi complex in Amadiyah district, in which they targeted the civilian residents, resulting in the death of two citizens (including one woman), the wounding of nine others (including three women and three children) and the destruction of five houses.

We wish to lodge another vigorous protest at these outrageous violations by Turkey of the territorial integrity and the national sovereignty and security of the Republic of Iraq, which constitute a clear breach of the Charter of the United Nations and the provisions of international law and a serious infringement of the principles of good-neighbourliness and friendly relations and cooperation between the Iraqi and Turkish peoples.

In notifying you of these glaring violations of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iraq, we wish to inform you that the Iraqi Government reserves Iraq's right to respond in the manner it sees fit, in accordance with international law and the Charter of the United Nations, to the violations committed in its territory against the safety of its citizens. We also request you to intervene and to take the appropriate measures, as prescribed in the purposes and principles of the Charter, to put an end to these violations and to ensure that they will not recur in the future.

We request you to have this letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

16 October 1991

(Signed) Ahmad HUSSEIN
Minister for Foreign Affairs